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SUBJECT: IMPACT OF SHAH SETTLING IN U.S.:

A. REACTION IN IRAN

B. SECURITY OF U.S. PRESENCE IN IRAN.

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A. REACTION IN IRAN. BELIEVE THERE IS ONLY marginally LESS RESENTMENT TODAY THAN THERE WAS, SAY, TWO MONTHS AGO TOWARD THE U.S. STEMMING FROM SHAH'S SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH US. CURRENT REGIME APOLOGISTS CONSTANTLY EXPLAIN AWAY EXECUTIONS, TRUMPED UP PRESS CHARGES AGAINST USG AND CIA AND OTHER IRRATIONAL, KNEE-JERK HOSTILE ACTIONS AS BEING PRODUCT OF 25 YEARS OF MEDDLING WHICH WILL TAKE TIME FOR IRANIAN PEOPLE TO FORGET. IT IS TRUE THAT OTHER ISSUES HAVE IN RECENT MONTHS ARISEN TO COMPETE WITH ANTI-AMERICANISM HERE. BUT LATTER IS AN "OLD RELIABLE" LATENT, FLAMMABLE ISSUE. AND SHAH'S RESETTLEMENT IN U.S. WOULD REKINDLE IT. WE SHOULD EXPECT WIDESPREAD, IRRESPONSIBLE PRESS TREATMENT, AND DEMONSTRATIONS. SHAH'S SETTLEMENT U.S. IS NOT A DEVELOPMENT WHICH RESPONSIBLE, QUIETLY PRO-U.S. PEOPLE IN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WOULD WANT TO SEE HAPPEN, AS IT WOULD UNDO, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, SOME OF THE PATCHING-UP WHICH THEY AND THE EMBASSY HAVE BEEN WORKING TOWARD. IF IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE SHAH BE ALLOWED TO SETTLE TO THE U.S., AND WE CAN UNDERSTAND WHY IT MIGHT BE, PRUDENCE WOULD DICTATE THAT WE WAIT AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER CONSTITUTION ANNOUNCED, NEW GOVERNMENT SWORN IN, GREATER SEMBLANCE OF CONTROL OVER ARMED GANGS DEMONSTRATED. LOOK AT THE QUESTION AGAIN IN ABOUT SEPTEMBER.

B. IMPACT ON SECURITY OF U.S. PRESENCE IN IRAN. WE HAVE NO IDEA WHETHER, IN RESPONSE TO NEWS OF SHAH'S MOVE TO U.S., ARMED CRAZIES MIGHT TRY AGAIN TO INVEST THE EMBASSY. IT REMAINS TRUE THAT THEY COULD IF THEY WANTED, GIVEN REDUCED AND LIMITED GUARD FORCE. THIS SEEMS TO US LESSER DANGER, HOWEVER, THAN INCREASED RISK OF SELECTED KIDNAPING AND HOSTAGE-HOLDING (BARGAINING U.S. AMBASSADOR FOR RETURN OF SHAH FROM U.S.). THIS DANGER IS NOT.

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OF COURSE, LIMITED TO TEHRAN EMBASSY. CLEARLY THIS GOVERNMENT  
COULD NOT PREVENT ANY NUMBER OF ARMED SPLINTER GROUPS FROM UNDER-  
TAKING SUCH AN OPERATION, AND THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION BUT THAT  
THE SHAH'S ADMISSION INTO U.S. AT THIS TIME WOULD INCREASE LEVEL  
OF RISK TO U.S. OFFICIALS IN IRAN. ●

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